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FIFO MEMORY DEVICES HAVING MULTI-PORT CACHE MEMORY ARRAYS THEREIN THAT SUPPORT HIDDEN EDC LATENCY AND BUS MATCHING AND

METHODS OF OPERATING SAME

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STATEMENT OF IMPROPER CERTIFICATION

The above-identified application was filed as a continuation-in-part (CIP) of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/307,638, filed December 2, 2002, which is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/721,478, which issued on April 8, 2003 as U.S. Patent No. 6,546,461 (the "parent application"), and included a request for nonpublication and certification as set forth on form PTO/SB/35. However, this parent application, which was filed in the United States on November 22, 2000, was filed as a foreign application. Because of this earlier filed foreign application, Applicants believe the certification made in the original request for nonpublication was improper when the present application was filed. Accordingly, Applicants hereby notify the Patent Office of this improper certification, which was made based on an incorrect reading of the statutory provisions relating to publication and without any deceptive intent.

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